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SUBJECT:FEB. 23 ROUNDUP: PRESS ITEMS OF ARMS CONTROL  
INTEREST

1. WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT U.S. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES SAY SOVIET UNION HAS STARTED DEPLOYING ITS SS-16 ICBM AS PART OF MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. POST SAID "ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT FOURTH-GENERATION LAND MISSILE IS BEING BASED UNDERGROUND, RATHER THAN BEING PUT ON MOBILE LAUNCH VEHICLES AS U.S. INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS HAD FEARED. CONCERNS ABOUT MOBILE ICBM STEM IN PART FROM FACT THAT SOVIETS USE TWO STAGES OF SS-16 INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILE TO POWER SHORTER-RANGED SS-20 MISSILES NOW ON MOBILE LAUNCHERS. SS-20 CANNOT REACH U.S." POST SAID U.S. HAD EXPRESSED HOPE IN PAST THAT IT CAN NEGOTIATE AN ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT BANNING MOBILE LAND-BASED MISSILES. "HOWEVER, UNCLASSIFIED

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PENTAGON IS WORKING ON MOBILE MISSILE KNOWN AS MX IN CASE SUCH BAN CANNOT BE NEGOTIATED."

2. BALTIMORE SUN SAID HOUSE REVERSED ITSELF FEB. 22 AND GAVE FINAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, BY 234 TO 182 VOTE, TO STOP CONSTRUCTION OF LAST TWO PROTOTYPES OF B-ONE STRATEGIC BOMBER. SUN SAID SPOKESMAN FOR ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL,

WHOSE LOS ANGELES DIVISION IS WORKING ON B-ONE, SAID HOUSE

VOTE WOULD MEAN THAT 3,000 OF ITS EMPLOYEES WOULD HAVE TO BE LET GO BETWEEN NOW AND END OF YEAR, 750 OF THEM AS SOON AS AIR FORCE GIVES CUT-OFF ORDER.

3. MICHAEL GETLER OF WASHINGTON POST SAID AFTER NINE MONTHS OF DEBATE, IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT THERE IS "VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE OF ANY POSITIVE RESOLUTIONS" COMING OUT OF 35-NATION BELGRADE CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION. "ONE THING HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED," GETLER REPORTED. "PARTICIPANTS HAVE AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN MADRID IN 1980. SO HELSINKI REVIEW PROCESS WILL CONTINUE."

4. WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT DEFENSE MINISTER DMITRY USTINOV, SPEAKING AT KREMLIN RALLY, TOLD WEST IT WOULD BE SENSELESS AND HOPELESS TO TRY FRIGHTENING COMMUNIST BLOC WITH CRUISE MISSILES AND NEUTRON BOMBS BECAUSE SOVIET SCIENTISTS COULD MATCH ANY WEAPONS OF AN ENEMY. UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL SAID USTINOV DECLARED THAT WHILE SOVIET MILITARY SUPPORTS CAUSE OF PEACE AND DISARMAMENT, IT WILL NOT HESITATE TO USE USSR RESOURCES TO RESPOND TO WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT IN WEST.

5. UPI REPORTED THAT REP. CHARLES WILSON, WHO RECENTLY SAT IN ON SALT SESSIONS IN GENEVA, TOLD MEETING OF AMERICAN

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CAN SECURITY COUNCIL THAT U.S. IS GIVING AWAY TOO MUCH IN NEGOTIATIONS AND PAYING TOO HIGH PRICE SIMPLY TO GET POLITICAL AGREEMENT. HE SAID SALT TWO WILL BE TREATY "WHICH LIMITS ONLY U.S. STRATEGIC ARMS" AND GUARANTEES SOVIET STRATEGIC SUPREMACY. "SALT TWO IS BAD DEAL," HE SAID, "AND HIGH PRICE TO PAY FOR POLITICAL SYMBOL." NEW YORK TIMES NOTED WILSON SAID HE HAD NO DESIRE TO OPPOSE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S STANCE IN ARMS LIMITATION TALKS BUT THAT ISSUE WAS TOO CRUCIAL TO KEEP HIDDEN. VANCE

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